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(SBU) Poloff delivered reftel information on the designation of the Iranian Defense Industries Organization (DIO) under Executive Order 13382 to MFA U.S. Division Chief Ismat Fayzullaev on April 3. Fayzullaev said that MFA would pass the information to the Central Bank and ensure that DIO is entered into the government's financial watch list. He also said that the government would take action against Iranian entities if they are found engaging in proliferation activities. However, Fayzullaev said that he doubted this was the case as Uzbekistan-Iran trade centers around foodstuffs and consumer goods rather than technologies useful in weapons of mass destruction programs. PURNELL